

of Secretary of State in the 1946 Republican primary, but his passing away required another nomination a week later by the Republican state convention to fill the vacancy upon the state ticket; was a member of Masonic bodies, the Odd Fellows, the Moose, the Elks, Norden Singers, and Conopus-Exchange club; was married to Ruby West of Kellogg January 9, 1924, who survives him.

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THOMAS L. CURRAN, veterinarian, soldier and public official, died at Ottumwa, Iowa, August 27, 1946; born in Ottumwa February 27, 1883, the son of Dennis and Ellen Curran; educated in the rural and parochial schools and St. Joseph College, St. Joseph, Missouri, where he received a degree in veterinary medicine; practiced as a veterinarian; widely traveled and served with the U. S. department of interior as agricultural instructor; also as adviser in animal industry two years to Vincent Gomez, president of Venezuela, Central America; served with Troop "G" United States cavalry, also with General John Pershing in the Philippines for three years during the Moro uprising, and in Europe during World War I; elected secretary of agriculture in Iowa in 1936 with the Democratic administration; a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post at Ottumwa, a member of the General Shields council, Knights of Columbus, of St. Mary's Catholic church and the Holy Name society there; since 1944 had lived near Silver City, New Mexico, where he was interested in gold mining, and became an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress; had been residing in Kansas City since returning from the west several months previous to his death; survived by two sisters and a niece, and was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers. He was not married.

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JOHN L. WILSON, SR., farmer and legislator, died at his home in Clinton, Iowa, August 31, 1946; born in Elk township near Almont, in Clinton county, Iowa, October 25, 1857, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Wilson, who were early Iowa pioneers from Pennsylvania; educated in the rural schools and business college at Clinton, graduating in 1876; his life-long occupation being that of farming; married Susie E. Cook on December 15, 1880, and resided on the old Wilson farm until retirement in 1916, when they removed to Clinton; served as state representative in 1893 and re-elected in 1895; elected as senator in 1897 and remained in the senate until 1914, his legislative tenure extending through eleven successive sessions; a member of the Masonic bodies, president of the Clinton county old settlers association and a Democrat.

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